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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 1327

1. UAE PRESIDENTIAL COURT CHAMBERLAIN SHAIKH SUROOR BIN MOHAMMED AL NAHAYYAN TOLD EMBOFF MAY 7 THAT UAE DEFENSE FORCES HAD JUST BEEN GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEW ABU DHABI HOSPITAL NO. 2 ON WHICH WHITTAKER CORPORATION AND HOSPITAL CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL HAD BEEN BIDDING FOR MANAGEMENT CONTRACT. SUROOR SAID THAT THE DEFENSE FORCES HAD WANTED A GOOD HOSPITAL FOR A LONG TIME AND THAT ONE HAD BEEN IN THE EARLY PLANNING STAGES. HOWEVER, RATHER THAN FORCE THE MILITARY TO WAIT SEVERAL YEARS FOR A HOSPITAL, IN RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST, HE HAD TRANSFERRED TO THEM TWO DAYS AGO THE CONTROL OF THE NEW ABU DHABI HOSPITAL NO. 2. HE SAID "I CAN'T SAY HOW THE DEFENSE FORCES WILL HANDLE THE QUESTION OF HOPITAL MANAGEMENT."

2. SUROOR ASKED EMBOFF TO INFORM BOTH WHITTAKER CORPORATION AND THE HOSPITAL CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL THAT HE WAS APPRECIATIVE OF THE WORK WHICH HAD GONE INTO THEIR BIDS FOR A MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR ABU DHABI HOSPITAL NO. 2. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL COURT UNDER HIS DIRECTION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR AN UPCOMING 550 BED HOSPITAL IN AL AIN AS WELL AS FOR THE ABU DHABO CORNICHE HOSPITAL WHOSE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH ALLIED MEDICAL CORPORTATION OF THE UK IS UP FOR RECONSIDERATION IN OCTOBER 1978. HE SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT BOTH FIRMS WOULD HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL COURT ABOUT MANAGEMENT OF THOSE TWO HOSPITALS. EMBOFF SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED BOTH COMANIES OF
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SUROOR'S COMMENTS.

3. COMMENT: SUROOR'S ALMOST PETULANT STATEMENT SUGGESTS THAT HE HAD LOST BATTLE FOR CONTROL OF HOSPITAL TO ONE OR THE OTHER OF SHIAKH ZAYID'S TWO OLDEST SONS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE RECENTLY APPOINTED ARMED FORCES COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SULTAN BIN ZAYID, WISHED TO SHOW THE MILITARY HIS ABILITY TO PRO-

VIDE FOR THEIR WELFARE OR ALTERNATIVELY DEPUTY SUPREME
COMMANDED OF THE ARMED FORCES, SHAIKH KHALIFA BIN ZAYID,
MAY HAVE WISHED TO DEMONSTRATE HIS BENEVOLENCE TOWARDS THE
ARMED FORCES.
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